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SO JAPS CAN'T LAND THERE

THE GENERAL STAFF WOULD FORTIFY SAN PEDRO, CALIF., AGAINST A FOE.

EASY TO LAND THERE NOW

In a Special Report More Armament is Urged, But the War Department Says the Recommendation is Not Significant.

Washington, Jan. 24.—The fact that President Roosevelt recently sent to congress a report by the general staff of the army, recommending fortifications for San Pedro harbor, California, was made the basis for suggestions that such decisions had just been reached in view of a possibility of trouble with Japan. At the war department this inference was denied. There it was said that the general subject of improving San Pedro harbor had been under consideration more than two years. It has taken up as a natural military problem involving the necessary protection of the southern California coast from foreign invasion.

The report shows that the general staff gave a comprehensive story of the whole question of the necessity for adequate fortifications at San Pedro, analyzing in detail the possibilities of using the place as a naval base and for the landing of a hostile army by an enemy.

The general staff's argument in this connection assumes that an enemy is coming from the Orient and the statement is made that so far as location is concerned San Pedro would be a good base for an enemy to operate against the American Pacific coast. "When one thinks of the great extent of this country, its immense wealth, takes into consideration its climate, making it one of the most attractive dwelling places in the world," the report says, "no effort of the imagination is needed to realize the temptation it offers to those Oriental powers, whose population is pressing hard on the means of subsistence."

Under the head of "Ease of Conquest," the report says that "recent study discloses the fact that, assuming there were no effective naval opposition, a certain Oriental nation could within a month of the time its hostile intention began to be even strongly suspected (a formal declaration of war would no doubt come a good deal later), land on our Pacific coast an expedition of an estimated maximum of about 100,000 men, and that such a force could be augmented at the end of two months more to a total of possibly 300,000. The ease with which San Pedro harbor, unfortified, and through it the entire Los Angeles country, could be seized, is apparent."

Estimates of the cost of sites, and fortifications of the harbor include the purchase of about 173 acres of land, the mounting of eight 12-inch

Historical Society. The defense and three construction of a four-company coast artillery post. Secretary Wright transmitted the report of the general staff to the president under date of January 12.

TAFT OFF FOR PANAMA

WITH PARTY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS WILL INSPECT WORK ON THE PANAMA CANAL.

Charleston, S. C., Jan. 25.—President-elect W. H. Taft and Mrs. Taft and party, including a small staff of distinguished civil engineers, selected to inspect with the president-elect the Isthmian Canal, sailed for Panama today on board the warship North Carolina.

KEEP PAPERS IN THE COURT

THE SUPREME COURT DECIDES AGAINST MACREYNOLDS IN SEIZURE OF LATTER'S PAPERS.

FOR USE IN THE LIBEL SUIT

Argument began This Afternoon in Criminal Case of MacReynolds, Whom Haskell Charged With Attempt to Defame Character.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 25.—In chambers today, the state supreme court decided that the papers in the Scott MacReynolds case shall remain in the hands of the county court until final disposition is made of the case. These papers make up the evidence collected by MacReynolds for William R. Hearst in the libel suit filed by the governor against the New York editor.

Argument in the criminal case of MacReynolds, in which Haskell charges him with an attempt to defame his character, was postponed until this afternoon.

IN THE CRIMINAL COURT

IMPORTANT CASE TRIED BEFORE JUDGE MASON THIS MORNING—NO DECISION.

The demurrer in the case of Joe Bastine against whom are pending fifteen charges, was tried before Judge Mason and the jury this morning. At a late hour the case was still in continuance. The demurrer was brought on the grounds that Captain Whittington was drawn for the petit jury on November 16 and was also drawn for and made foreman of the grand jury on December 7th. This grand jury indicted Bastine upon hearsay evidence and suspicion. It is alleged by defendant's attorneys, who are Captain R. A. Howard and L. S. Dolman. It is alleged that when a juror's name is drawn the slip of paper on which the name appears should be destroyed and that this was not done or that the name was put in again.

NO REPORT OF EARTHQUAKE

LOCATION OF LAST SATURDAY'S SEVERE SHAKE HAS NOT YET BEEN ASCERTAINED.

St. Petersburg, Russia, Jan. 25.—No definite news as yet has been received here of the earthquake, which was recorded so extensively throughout Europe last Saturday morning.

The indications are that it occurred in a remote and sparsely populated region of Pamir in Russian Turkestan, and the effect was localized.

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THREE KILLED TEN INJURED

TWO LOADED COAL CARS BECAME UNCOUPLED AND PLUNGE DOWN SHAFT INTO MINE.

THREE ARE SERIOUSLY HURT

Accident Occurred in Mine of Piedmont & George's Creek Coal Company at Piedmont, West Virginia. Collision at Bottom.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 25.—Three men were killed and ten injured, three of the latter probably fatally, in a coal mine accident at Piedmont, West Virginia, today.

Two coal cars, loaded with the mine run, were ascending the plane of the Piedmont & George's Creek Coal Company at Piedmont, and when near the top the two cars became uncoupled and dashed down the incline, colliding with other cars at the bottom.

MR. PENNINGTON'S OPINION

ATTORNEY GENERAL UPHELD, REVERSES FIRST DECISION—FALLS INTO LINE.

In his morning mail yesterday Mayor Pennington received the long coveted and desired charter. On Saturday evening, Mayor Pennington wrote to the governor and attorney general, stating that he was not satisfied with the opinions regarding the charter received by him that day and stated that if another were not forthcoming he would go to Guthrie this week and take the matter up personally. Before the mayor's letter could even have reached Guthrie, he was in receipt of the charter and a second opinion from the attorney general in which he, the latter, stated that he had been misinformed regarding the matter and labored under the impression that the charter on which he issued the first opinion was merely a copy of the original. He directed, therefore, that the original be sent here and a copy made and certified and sent for deposit in the care of the secretary of state. The letter from the attorney general stated his new and last opinion in almost identical language used by his honor to a representative of the Ardmoreite on Saturday afternoon. The letter of the mayor and the charter with the attorney general's letter must have passed each other on the way, and the mayor was in receipt of the charter before his letter could have reached either the governor or the attorney general.

Up to a late hour this morning Mr. Pennington had made no decision as to the council meeting to issue the call, but such information will be found in the Ardmoreite's late news in another column.

ADJOURNMENT TILL TUESDAY

FEDERAL GRAND JURY EXAMINED NO WITNESSES IN NEW YORK WORLD LIBEL CASE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The federal grand jury, which is investigating the alleged libel case of the New York World and the Indianapolis News in connection with the purchase of the Panama canal, adjourned this afternoon until tomorrow.

Contrary to expectations no witnesses were heard today, but it is stated that several will be on hand tomorrow to complete certain phases of the investigation.

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POSTMASTER STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS IS EXONERATED



STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—The report of the postoffice department on the charges against S. A. Douglas, postmaster at Ardmore, is favorable to Douglas and his confirmation by the senate is now expected at any time.

DISFRANCHISING NEGROES M'GUIRE TAKES ACTION

OKLAHOMA IS FOREVER LOST TO THE REPUBLICANS IF SUCH A THING HAPPENS HERE.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Congressman McGuire has wired to Guthrie for copies of all proposed laws looking to the disfranchisement of the negroes of Oklahoma and for any that may later be introduced with the frank intention of calling the attention of congress to the matter if any such measures pass.

Mr. McGuire says that when this same matter came up at the last session of the legislature he took occasion to go over it carefully with the republican leaders of the house, and that it was then said by them that in case Oklahoma, or any other southern state, other than those that already have laws which practically disfranchise the negroes passed such a law they would as a retaliatory measure, recommend the immediate decrease of congressional representation in the south.

"There are three states," continued Mr. McGuire, "that could place themselves solidly in the democratic column by disfranchising the negroes, if they are so disposed. They are Missouri, Oklahoma and Kentucky. All three are considered close states. According to the census of 1907, Oklahoma has 24,625 negro voters. If these should be disfranchised in any manner whatever, whether it be on educational lines or otherwise, it would certainly make the state democratic irrevocably. If the last election is a fair precedent, the state is close, politically."

The status of the negro in Oklahoma has been a subject of a good deal of political maneuvering. The constitutional convention would have made some race provisions had it not been afraid that the president would veto the constitution on that account. As soon as the first legislature met a Jim Crow law was passed. Now it is proposed, by indirect methods, so it is said in Washington, to deprive a majority of the negroes of voting. Of course, the cry of decreasing representation in the south has echoed for a long time. But Mr. Taft would have to do some acrobatic stunts if he ever permitted congress to pass such a law without him vetoing it, in view of his love-making to the south during the past few months.

COLDER TONIGHT.

New Orleans, Jan. 25.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Tuesday is generally cloudy with colder weather in the eastern portion of the state.

CAL STEWART MURDER CASE

THE TRIAL COMMENCED IN MARIETTA THIS MORNING—CHARGED WITH KILLING DR. GRAHAM.

ATTRACTS MUCH ATTENTION

Nearly All on List of Petit Jury Summoned—Many Ardmore Attorneys Identified with Matter Left the City Today.

Marietta, Okla., Jan. 25.—The Cal Stewart case was called this morning in the district court, and upon motion of the state was deferred until 2 o'clock this afternoon. Stewart is charged with having killed Dr. Graham at Holder June 6, 1906. Both parties to the killing were prominent men and much interest is being taken in the case.

Attorneys for the defense are Judge Potter of Gainesville and Stillwell H. Russell, A. C. Cruce and W. B. Johnson of this city, and Edelman & Graham of Marietta. For the state Brown & Turner of this city have been retained to assist County Attorney B. C. Loggson. Also Pratt Sadler of Gatesville, Texas, a former classmate and friend of the deceased, will take part in the prosecution. The latter is said to be a very strong lawyer.

Those drawn for service on the petit jury, nearly all of whom have been summoned, are:

O. M. Parker, Leon.
J. S. Parker, Bonar.
Frank Overstreet, Oswalt.
J. W. Gilmer, Marietta.
W. L. Mitchell, Simon.
J. C. Joy, Oswalt.
J. H. Brasfield, Love's Valley.
L. J. Hickman, Oswalt.
C. D. Boyd, Marietta.
Jesse Hodges, Orr.
J. W. Baker, Enville.
J. W. Roe, Simon.
J. W. McElroy, Leon.
J. W. Gordon, Burneyville.
L. C. Canthen, Bonar.
T. V. Askew, Marietta.
T. D. Feltz, Marsden.
W. I. Ginn, Bowles.
T. M. Scott, Burneyville.
W. H. H. Keltner, Leon.
W. L. Cunningham, Marsden.
J. T. Duke, Jintown.
W. C. Thompson, Enville.
R. H. Walker, Marietta.
H. Z. Johnson, Bowles.
J. B. Bryan, Burneyville.
Gus Culwell, Burneyville.
M. D. Briggs, Marietta.
J. S. White, Oswalt.
J. L. Spencer, Burneyville.
A. J. Weddell, Enville.
Andy Brown, Enville.
Lee Askew, Bowles.
J. B. Brindle, Marietta.
C. H. Paul, Thackerville.
W. E. Gipson, Burneyville.
Bob Capps, Burneyville.
L. A. Linder, Marsden.
B. Hudson, Greenville.
R. B. Roberts, Marietta.
D. M. Daniels, Greenville.
J. C. Jackson, Burneyville.
Ed Block, Pike.
R. White, Marietta.
J. C. Moran, Marsden.
T. D. Turner, Thackerville.
T. F. Blockery, Orr.
J. R. Linton, Orr.
W. H. Thompson, Marietta.
Geo. Hughes, Enville.
J. S. Scally, Marietta.
J. M. Hammonds, Leon.
G. H. Fitts, Burneyville.
G. W. Goodfrey, Bowles.
E. W. Potts, Marietta.
T. W. Bellah, Simon.
Lex Parsley, Leon.
T. W. Moore, Simon.
D. C. Turner, Bob.
James Hughes, Enville.
J. A. Everett, Leon.
R. E. Blount, Oswalt.
H. M. Black, Marietta.
R. E. Givens, Marietta.
J. M. Caruthers, Leon.

D. B. Hays, Burneyville.
W. E. Carter, Marietta.
R. E. Boyles, Burneyville.
J. H. Lockwood, Orr.
H. H. Martin, Marietta.
W. H. Watson, Marietta.
J. T. Hodges, Simon.

ROOT TENDERS RESIGNATION

AS SECRETARY OF STATE, WILL BE SUCCEEDED BY ROBERT BACON—NOMINATION TO SENATE.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 25.—Secretary of State E. H. Root has tendered his resignation in the president, effective upon the qualification of his successor, Robert Bacon, whose nomination was sent to the senate today for confirmation.

UNEARTH BIG LAND FRAUDS

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SAY FRAUDS IN CREEK NATION ARE UNEQUALLED.

WITNESSES ARE ARRIVING

Government Secret Service Men Say "Dummies" Were Used in Scheduling of Town Lots in Many Towns of the Creek Nation.

Muskogee, Okla., Jan. 25.—The government officials now here assert that no frauds in town lots ever investigated will equal the stupendous proportions of that now being made in the government case here.

Witnesses from a dozen states began arriving today to testify before the federal grand jury which meets tomorrow.

The government officials say that there is nothing in the records to show who these persons are but it is announced that a large corps of secret service men have worked for months to locate them. These secret service men have, it is stated, secured from witnesses affidavits to the effect that they were used as "dummies" in scheduling lots and that they knew nothing of the use of their names until asked within the past three years to sign quit claim deeds to the lots.

SPRINGS A SENSATION

WOULD HAVE LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR APPOINTED BY GOVERNOR AND OFF BANKING BOARD.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 25.—In the state senate today Senator Campbell of Russell county created a sensation by introducing a measure, which if enacted, would remove from the state banking board the lieutenant governor and place the appointment of his successor in the hands of the governor who must appoint a member recommended by the state bankers' association.

Interesting Wedding.
Tomorrow at three o'clock the marriage of Mr. C. T. Vernon and Miss Elizabeth Vernon Fletcher will be performed by the Rev. Mr. Wynne. Mr. Vernon is clerk of the district court of Ardmore and Miss Fletcher is a young and popular lady who is very well known to Ardmoreites.

WHITE ASSAULT.

Guthrie, Okla., Jan. 25.—Mrs. J. R. Faulkner, wife of state representative Faulkner, was assaulted at her home in Guthrie today by J. F. Bowden, a white man in the employ of Faulkner.

The sheriff telegraphed here that Bowden escaped and that a posse was in pursuit. The community is greatly excited and a lynching is threatened.

BIG STEAMER SINKS AT SEA

THE REPUBLIC, WHICH WAS RAMMED SATURDAY, SANK IN OCEAN LAST NIGHT.

SIX FATALITIES REPORTED

All of Other Members of Crew and Passengers Brought into New York by Big Steamer Baltic—Florida Being Towed into Port.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 25.—The waters of the Atlantic last night closed over the rammed liner Republic. In the meantime its passengers, together with those of the Florida, whose bow crushed into the Republic, were riding the waves in safety on the Baltic for this port.

Six dead and two injured are apparently the sum total of the casualties of the accident.

The passengers and crew of the Republic were transferred twice at sea, first to the crippled Florida and later to the big Baltic, which brought its own crew and passengers and those of the Republic and Florida into port. The Florida is being towed into port by the American liner, New York.

TO PIERCE OIL FIELDS

LONG PROJECTED ROCK ISLAND EXTENSION IS NOW ABOUT TO MATURE.

Under the head, "Rock Island plans big things in Texas," the Dallas Morning News has this to say also: "Another plan is the extension from Ardmore to Waurika in Oklahoma which will open up very rich mineral and agricultural lands. This line will also pierce the oil fields of southern Oklahoma and the line will be pushed through that district."

In this connection, it will be remembered that Vice President H. U. Hodge and Chief Engineer Berry of the Rock Island lines were here last May and went over the right of way from the Waurika end. They were unable to get over it from the Ardmore end on account of the high water at that time and while they were here they bought large tracts of land. General Superintendent H. M. Whittenon and Division Superintendent A. B. Copley were also here last week and it is presumed in connection with this matter as many sub-officials of the Rock Island have known for some time that the company was on the point of taking definite action in this matter.

There is very much activity being displayed on the Rock Island branch between Halleyville and this city. The engineer has a large force of men at work tearing out old bridges and building new ones, and preparations are being made for the starting of a rock crusher. The engineer states that when the work is completed the branch will be able to carry the heaviest trains that the Rock Island runs.

BULBS.

Sacred Lilies, Hyacinths and Tulips for early bloom must be planted now. Ardmore Nursery, Phone 69.

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McGUIRE OPPOSES IT.

Washington Jan. 25.—The draft of the five tribes bill was completed and sent to Congressman McGuire of Oklahoma this morning. He refused to introduce it in the house, because he opposes nearly all of its provisions, and says he has received hundreds of protests against its provisions.

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